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From: Commander Submarine Squadron SIX
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Director of Naval History) (OP-09B9)

Subj: Command History of Submarine Squadron SIX

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750-12A

Encl: (1) Chronology of outstanding events - 1971
(2) Basic Narrative
(3) COMSUBRON SIX Staff Organization Chart
(4) Squadron and Division Personnel Roster - End of 1972
(5) Biography of Captain D. P. HALL, USN, COMSUBRON SIX

1. Reference (a) provides information concerning submission of command histories. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted. This history covers the calendar year 1972, and includes the command history for Submarine Divisions SIXTY-ONE and SIXTY-TWO.


D. P. HALL

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COMSUBFLOT SIX
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CHRONOLOGY OF OUTSTANDING EVENTS

1 JUN 1972 - USS SIRAGO (SS485) was decommissioned

BASIC NARRATIVE

1. Command Organization and Relations.

a. The Commanders of Submarine Squadron SIX and Submarine Divisions SIXTY-ONE and SIXTY-TWO were:

- (1) COMSUBRON SIX - CAPT D. P. HALL, USN 1 JAN 72 - 31 DEC 72
- (2) COMSUBDIV SIXTY-ONE - CAPT R.L. KELSEY, USN, 1 JAN 72 - 19 FEB 72
CDR R. C. BILYEU, USN, 19 FEB 72 - 31 DEC 72
- (3) COMSUBDIV SIXTY-TWO - CDR J. J. BADGETT, USN, 1 JAN 72 - 8 MAY 72
CDR R.C. BILYEU, USN, 8 MAY 72 - 10 AUG 72
CDR D. L. SELF, USN, 10 AUG 72 - 31 DEC 72

b. COMSUBRON SIX is homeported at Norfolk, Virginia and was embarked in USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS36).

c. The mission and function at Submarine Squadron SIX is to provide administrative and logistic support, maintain high standards of material and personnel readiness, strive for increased efficiency and vigorously pursue the improvement of submarine tactics and techniques in carrying out the following specific tasks:

- (1) Under COMSUBFLOT SIX, exercise operational control of assigned ships.
- (2) Coordinate and schedule activities of mutual interest to SUBLANT commands in local areas to achieve safety, economy and convenience.
- (3) Be prepared to assist COMASWFORLANT in the investigation of unidentified submarine contacts.
- (4) Schedule operations for forces assigned, including designating operational command, OTC and OCE for scheduled operations.
- (5) Maintain and promulgate to all interested Armed Forces Commanders a weekly schedule of local operations.
- (6) Originate and promulgate such area restrictions and safety regulations as may be required by local conditions.
- (7) Represent the Force Commander in dealings with other commanders and civilian authorities in matters concerning local operations and administration.

(8) Organize and direct local submarine search and rescue (SAR) operations. Assume operational control of all local SUBLANT units when placing event SUBMISS/SUBSUNK in effect. Assume operational control of local SUBLANT units as necessary and provide SAR assistance to other commanders as required during SAR operations involving units in distress other than submarines.

(9) Assign, coordinate and administer afloat training of naval reservists on annual active duty for training. Assign and administer NROTC and Naval Academy Midshipmen indoctrination training as directed.

(10) When existing support facilities are unable to provide all required support, designate the relative priority of requests for logistics support to be provided by shore and afloat logistic agencies in the area to units of SUBLANT.

(11) Advise the Force Commander when inadequacy of logistic support provided SUBLANT units by support activities in the area is resulting in reduced force readiness.

(12) Plan and coordinate, with the local SOPA ADMIN, dispersal plans for Submarine Force units.

(13) Act as COMSUBLANT's representative in dealing with the local naval shipyard and base in matters concerning administration of units present.

(14) Coordinate the use of available submarine training facilities and ensure that they are maintained in good operation condition.

(15) Plan for and be prepared to effect procedures designed to minimize the effectiveness of Soviet surface/air or submarine units to collect intelligence, harass or interfere with assigned units conducting local operations, or proceeding to and from patrol areas. Coordinate operations with local authorities in the event the escort of submarines or the conduct of anti-submarine search or sweep operations become necessary.

d. Composition of Command:

(1) Submarine Squadron SIX was assigned the following ships at the end of 1972:

Enclosure (2)

SHIP

COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX

USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS36)
USS SUNFISH (SSN649)
USS SKATE (SSN578)
SSN L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN686)
SSN R. B. RUSSELL (SSN681)
SSN LOS ANGELES (SSN688)

CAPT J. M. DONLON, USN
CDR W. I. MELTON, USN
CDR R. M. EYTCHISON, USN

SUBMARINE DIVISION SIXTY-ONE

USS BLUEFISH (SSN675)
USS FLYING FISH (SSN673)
USS RAY (SSN653)
USS SHARK (SSN591)
USS SKIPJACK (SSN585)
USS KITTIWAKE (ASR-13)
SS-X1

CDR R. A. PETERSON, USN
CDR D. C. SHELTON, USN
CDR J. S. HURT, USN
CDR J. M. VANMETRE, USN
CDR G. R. STUBBS, USN
LCDR S. MCNEASE, JR., USN
LT R. J. DALY, JR., USN

SUBMARINE DIVISION SIXTY-TWO

USS FINBACK (SSN670)
USS SPADEFISH (SSN668)
USS SEA DEVIL (SSN664)
USS LAPON (SSN661)

CDR C. D. STEVESON, USN
CDR A. J. PERRY, USN
CDR R. R. FOUNTAIN, JR., USN
CDR G.E. GREEN, USN

e. Decommissioning.

(1) USS SIRAGO (SS485) was decommissioned on 1 June 1972.

f. The following administrative reassignment of ships took place in Submarine Squadron SIX:

(1) On 8 April 1972, the following submarine was administratively reassigned to COMSUBRON TWO for overhaul:

USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663)

CDR P. F. CARTER, JR., USN

(2) On 8 April 1972, the following submarine was administratively reassigned to COMSUBRON SIX for overhaul:

USS SKATE (SSN578)

CDR R. M. EYTCHISON, USN

(3) On 21 April 1972, the following submarine was administratively reassigned to COMSUBDEVGRU TWO for overhaul:

USS LAPON (SSN661)

CDR G. E. GREEN, USN

g. On 8 August 1972, the following ship was administratively reassigned to COMSUBRON SIX for overhaul:

USS SUNFISH (SSN649)

CDR W. I. MELTON, USN

h. On 12 October 1972 Submarine Squadron SIX was assigned precommissioning responsibilities for the following submarine:

SSN R. B. RUSSELL (SSN687)

i. On 21 October 1972 the following submarine was reassigned to COMSUBRON SIX upon completion of overhaul:

USS LAPON (SSN661)

CDR G. E. GREEN, USN

j. On 24 October 1972 Submarine Squadron SIX was assigned precommissioning responsibilities for the following submarine:

SSN L. MENDEL RIVERS (SSN686)

k. On 10 November 1972 Submarine Squadron SIX was assigned precommissioning responsibilities for the following submarine:

SSN LOS ANGELES (SSN688)

2. Operations or Activities.

a. Submarine Squadron SIX ships deployed to the Mediterranean Sea during 1972 as follows:

USS SHARK (SSN591)	31 MAY	17 OCT
USS SEA DEVIL (SSN664)	14 AUG	31 DEC

b. Submarine Squadron SIX ships participated in extended training exercises in the Atlantic during 1972 as follows:

USS FLYING FISH (SSN673)	1 MAY	12 JUL
USS SPADEFISH (SSN668)	12 JUN	22 AUG
	10 OCT	17 DEC
USS BLUEFISH (SSN675)	20 NOV	31 DEC

c. Submarine Squadron SIX ships participated in Exercise SNOWY BEACH during 1972 as follows:

USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663)	18 JAN	28 JAN
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d. Submarine Squadron SIX ships participated in Operation PINK LACE during 1972 as follows:

USS BLUEFISH (SSN675)	5 JUN	14 JUN
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e. Submarine Squadron ships participated in Exercise STRONG EXPRESS during 1972 as follows:

USS RAY (SSN653)	14 SEP	28 SEP
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f. Submarine Squadron SIX ships underwent extended shipyard periods as follows:

(1) USS LAPON (SSN661) - 1 JAN - 13 OCT 72 - Regular Overhaul.
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

(2) USS HAMMERHEAD - 14 MAR - 31 DEC - Regular Overhaul.
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

3. Special Topics.

a. Ships of Submarine Squadron SIX winning intra-ship competitive awards in Fiscal Year 1972 were:

BATTLE EFFICIENCY "E"

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-ONE
COMSUBDIV SIXTY-TWO

USS FLYING FISH (SSN673)
USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN663)

FIRE CONTROL EXCELLENCE

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-ONE
COMSUBDIV SIXTY-TWO

USS FLYING FISH (SSN673)
USS FINBACK (SSN670)

COMMUNICATIONS "E"

COMSUBRON SIX

USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS36)

COMBINATION SIX
(00)

COMBINATION SIX 5400.1G

SQUADRON
DUTY OFFICER

SECRETARY/
PERSONNEL
(10)

MEDICAL
(Tender
Medical)
(11)

DENTAL
(Tender
Dental)
** (12)

CLIMBAIN
** (13)

OPTICIONS
(10)

ENGINEER
(40)

SUPPLY
(Tender
Supply)
** (41)

TELEPHONE
(42)

TWC
(105)
YACS (101)
YN1 - (102)
YN2 - (103)
YN3 - (104)

*TWC
(111)

ASS'T OPS
(301)

QVCS
(302)

COMMUNICATIONS
(2)

RACS
(201)

ASS'T ENGINEER
ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS
(401)

*TWC
(404)

ASS'T ENGINEER
HULL/MAIN POWER (402)

STC (202)
ST1 (203)

ASS'T ENGINEER
AUXILIARIES (403)

*When assigned
** Assigned additional duty on staff, COMBINATION SIX

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(Figure 1-2)

Enclosure (3)

SUBMARINE SQUADRON SIX AND DIVISION PERSONNEL ROSTER AT END 1972

OFFICER PERSONNEL

COMSUBRON SIX

DUTY

BANISTER, R.L., LT
BELL, R. M. CDR
BERKHIMER, F. R. CDR
CAMPO, M. P. CWO2
FRANKS, O. K. CWO3
GOODSON, J. B. LT
GREENE, J. D. LTJG
HALL, D. P. CAPT
KAISER, R. A. LCDR
MILLER, H. R. CAPT
POORE, A. M. LCDR
SHARPE, J. D., JR. LCDR
WILTSHIRE, K. J. LT

ASST ENG / 401
SUPPLY/ 41 / ADDU
OPS / 30
COMM / 20/ ADDU
ASST ENG / 403/ ADDU
ASST ENG / 402
PERS/ SQD SEC / 10
COMSUBRON SIX / 00
SQD MED/ 11 / ADDU
CHAPLAIN / 13 / ADDU
WEPS / 42
ENG / 40
ASST. OPS / 301

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

BAILEY, N. W. YN1(SS)
BAILEY, T. NMN SN
BOLLING, D. R. TMCM(SS)
CHEEK, H. B. YNCS(SS)
CRAMPTON, T. L. YN1(SS)
COWART, B. R. EMC(SS)
ERVIN, H. B. TMC(SS)
FITZGERALD, D.F. MM2
FONTAINE, K. C. EN1
FREEMAN, L. J. MMI
HAND, L.S. RMCS(SS)
LEWIS, G. D. SA
KIBLER, C. E. YN3
POE, R. E. ETR2
POWERS, F. R. QM1
PYE, O. P. YNC(SS)
SNOWMAN, E. A. QMCM(SS)
VILLARREAL, R. NMN SK2
WAGNER, A. J. STCS(SS)

PERS YN / 103
3-M / TEMADD
WEPS / TM/ 421
CSS6 YN / 101
ENG YN / 404
3-M / TEMADD
CAREER COUNSELOR
3-M / TEMADD
3-M / TEMADD
3-M / TEMADD
SQD RM / SEA
CSS 6 DRIVER/ TEMADD
CSS6 YN / 104/ TEMADD
3-M / TEMADD
CSS6 OPS/ 303 / TEMADD
CSS6 YN / 102
CSS6 QM / 302
3-M / TEMADD
SIC / 405

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-ONE

BILYEU, R. C. CDR

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-ONE

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-TWO

SELF, D. L. CDR

COMSUBDIV SIXTY-TWO

Enclosure (4)

BIOGRAPHY OF CAPTAIN D. P. HALL, USN, COMSUBRON SIX

Captain Donald Perry HALL was born on (b) (6). He attended the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, was graduated and commissioned Ensign on June 2, 1950.

Following graduation from the Naval Academy he served for one year aboard the aircraft carrier USS SAIPAN (CVL 48) prior to entering Naval Submarine School, Groton, Connecticut. Upon completion of the course he served aboard the submarine USS SIRAGO (SS 485) from January 1952 until July 1955 when he assumed duties as Communication Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron SIX at Norfolk, Virginia.

In July 1957 Captain HALL entered the nuclear power program, attending Nuclear Power School, Groton, Connecticut and Nuclear Power Training Unit, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Following nuclear power training he was assigned to the USS NAUTILUS (SSN571) and was on board when NAUTILUS became the first ship to reach the North Pole. During this first trans-polar voyage in August 1958, NAUTILUS steamed from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to Portland, England across the North Pole, a distance of 8,146 miles. Captain HALL also served as Material Officer on the staff of Commander Submarine Squadron TEN, Executive Officer of the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine, USS LAFAYETTE (SSBN616), in the office of Director, Division of Naval Reactors, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., and as Commanding Officer, USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) (BLUE). Prior to reporting as Commander Submarine Squadron SIX in Norfolk, Virginia, he served as Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine School.

Captain HALL has been awarded the Meritorious Service and Navy Commendation Medals and is authorized to wear the Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Award, American Area Campaign Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, and the Polaris Deterrent Patrol Insignia (seven patrols).

Captain HALL is married to the former Miss (b) (6) of Fortson, Georgia, and has a son, (b) (6).